Iraq reports fresh attacks

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (R) — Iraq said today its troops had launched a fresh attack on Iranian forces during a major counter-offensive now entering its sixth day in the Gulf conflict.

The official Iraqi news agency said Iraqi forces stormed Iranian positions in the Susangerd area of southern Iran under cover of darkness and a heavy artillery barrage, inflicting heavy casualties. A military commander at the front was quoted by the agency as saying the first phase of the Iraqi counter-offensive had been

successfully completed and the next phase would smash remaining enemy forces in the region. He said Irani forces had shot down an Iranian plane today over the southern sector of the front, bringing to 10 the number shot down in the last six days.

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Yemeni presidents conclude talks

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - The leaders of North and South Yemen wound up a three-day summit in Aden yesterday with a new call for union and a pledge to set up a common ministerial council, Arab news agencies reported.

North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, before boarding a plane to return home to Sanaa, told reporters in the South Yemeni capital that he and President Ali Nasser Mohammad had achieved "positive results" on ways of unifying their nations, the Iraqi news agency reported in a dis-patch distributed here.

Only game in town

JONESBORO, Arkansas, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — The Egyptian ambassador to the United States says Palestinian autonomy is the only game in town for a lasting peace in the Middle East,

Mr. Ashraf Ghorbal told members of the World Trade Club at a dinner last night that autonomy "has the rules, has the ball, has the framework and the objective... don't tell me to give it up until you find some-

thing better." Mr. Ghorbal was in Jonesboro for the speech and to tour a plant. During a news conference earlier in the day, he said Israel should not fear autonomy. He said he wanted the Israelis and Palestinians to focus on what they have in

The United States, Israel and Egypt will work together to make the Middle East a safe, stable and prosperous part of the world, Mr. Gborbal said.

common.

East Germany cuts oil

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 4 (R) -The East German government has cut petrol supplies to industry for use in vehicles by an average 10 per cent.

The measure took effect at the start of the month and was announced as reports circulating among foreign diplomats suggested that the Soviet Union might eut oil supplies to East Germany in 1982 to 17 million tonnes from 19 million this year.

The official legal gazette available today published a complete new list of petrol consumption norms, the basis for supplies to all state industrial users. The figures were six to 14 per cent below the previous norms laid down in 1978 and

Bomb kills Lebanese soldier

SOUTH LEBANON, Dec. 4 (R) - A Lebanese soldier died today from injuries be received when troops excavating building foundations in Lebanon struck a bomb, a U.N. spokesman said.

Two others were injured in the incident near the troops' headquarters at Arzoun, South Lebanon, two days ago. Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Wil-

liam Callaghan, commander of U.N. peacekeeping forces in South Lebanon, left the region today for New York to attend a Security Council debate on the extension of the force's man-

Hurd arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, Dec. 4 (R) - Mr. Douglas Hurd, British minister of state at the foreign office, arrived here today for a brief

visit on his way to Sudan. Mr. Hurd will meet Mr. Boutros Ghali, Egyptian minister of state for foreign affairs. He told reporters be would discuss the Middle East problem and ways of developing British-Egyptian relations.

Officials said Mr. Hurd would discuss similar topics in Khartoum.

Waldheim rejects manoeuvring charges

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (R) - U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today rejected specu-lation that the withdrawal of his candidacy for a third term was a tactical bid for a Security Council

He said through his spokesman that the sole purpose of his deci-sion was to facilitate the council's consideration of "this difficult question" of the succession. Insinuations as to other motives are totally without foundation,"

Asked about a report into that quoted Mr. Waldheim as having said, on instructions, that the secretary-general remained open to "any reasonable proposition from the council," the spokesman said he could not confirm it.

"These matters are hypothetical," he added.

Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim who, like Mr. Waldheim, has been repeatedly vetoed in council balloting, remained a candidate today amid expectations that he too would withdraw.

Members of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), whose nominee he is, held inconclusive talks last night about his status.

His spokesman, Rudolf Stajudhar, denied today that Mr. Waldheim acted in response to suggestion by the president that both candidates step aside temporarily to permit other contenders to enter the race.

It was not clear today if or when the Security Conneil would resume balloting on Mr. Salim or other aspirants, of whom there are several, with Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan a leading contender.

Two bombs defused in West Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (A.P.) -Army specialists defused two heavy bombs just moments before they were timed to explode in West Beirut today following a night of street batties between supporters of the Gulf war combatants Iran and Iraq, police reported.

Eight explosive charges with a combined weight of 100 kilogrammes were discovered hidden under a sand pile near the Kuwaiti embassy, and were defused five minutes before the timer was set to expire, police said.

Another bomb weighing about 17.9 kilogrammes had been placed in a trasb bin near crowded Hamra Street, West Beirut's busiest shopping area. said a police spokesman who refused to give his name in keeping with the department's

Juan Carlos visits Gulf

MADRID, Dec. 4 (R) - King Juan Carlos begins a four-day state visit to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain tomorrow as part of Spain's bid to boost its diplomatic and economic role in the

A foreign ministry spokesman said the king would probably discuss with Gulf leaders how Spain might help work for peace in the Middle East.

On a recent visit to the United States, King Juan Carlos told President Reagan that Spain, the only Western country which does not recognise Israel, could act as a bridge between the Arab and Western worlds.

The officials accompanying the king will discuss reducing Spain's huge trade deficits with the emirates and Bahrain by selling them Spanish machinery, boats and

light aircraft, the sources said. At present Spain imports a large amount of oil from the Gulf and in return sells it mostly agricultural products.

Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca will go with the king.

Spain is increasing its diplomatic staff in the Gulf region, the spokesman said.

King receives Soviet, American envoys



King Hussein receives Soviet envoy Mikhail Sytenko (third from left) Thursday. On the far left is Soviet Ambassador in Amman Rafeek Nishanov. To Mr. Sytenko's right is a Soviet embassy interpreter.

AMMAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein received at the Hashemite Royal Court last night the Soviet roving Ambassador Mikhail Sytenko, who is currently visiting Jordan. The King and the Soviet envoy reviewed the current developments of the Middle East issue and the international conditions related to it. The meeting was attended by the Soviet Ambassador in Amman Rafeek Nisbanov.

Earlier, Prime Minister Mudar Badran received the Soviet envoy at his office. During the meeting, they reviewed relations between Jordan and the Soviet Union and exchanged views on the various issues of interest to the area, particularly the Palestine issue.

During the meeting, which was attended by Ambassador Nishanov, Mr. Badran reaffirmed Jordan's consistent stand towards the issue of establishing just peace in the area, based on Israel's full withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967, the return of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty, and the regaining of the Palestinian people's rights-including their right to self-determination and the establishment of their independent state on their national soil.

Minister of the Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim also received Mr. Sytenko at his office yesterday and discussed the international developments related to the Middle East



The King receives American envoy Philip Habib (third from left) Thursday. To Mr. Habib's right is American Ambassador in Arnman Richard Viets. On the far left is Mr. Morris Draper. (Photos by Yousef Al 'Allan).

AMMAN. Dec. 4 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Hashemite Royal Court last night U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib. During the meeting, they reviewed the situation in the Middle East and discussed the various aspects of the Lebanese issue. The meeting was attended by U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East and South Asia Morris Draper and the U.S. Ambassador in Amman Richard Viets.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran also received at his office yesterday the American envoy. They discussed the current situation in Lebanon; and the prime minister asserted the need to achieve national reconciliation in Lebanon, because it is the cornerstone for restoring normal conditions as well as peace, stability and unity to that Arab country.

Earlier yesterday, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem received Mr. Habib at his office. Mr. Qasem asserted the significance of Arab action undertaken by the Arab Follow-up Committee to achieve national reconciliation among the var-ious sects of Lebanon. Mr. Qasem also affirmed the need for collective international efforts to prevent Israel from interfering in Lebanon's affairs and to stop its continuous aggression on its territories by implementing the U.N. Security Council resolutions in this regard.

Mr. Habib arrived in Amman yesterday morning for a short visit to Jordan. His visit to Amman is part of his tour to several states in the area. The American envoy left Amman for Israel

Soviets pledge to make arms talks a success

GENEVA, Dec. 4 (R) — The Soviet Union pledged today to do all in its power to make a success of negotiations with the United States on limiting nuclear missiles m Europe.

In a statement issued shortly before the second formal session began at the Soviet mission in Geneva, the Soviet delegation said it had received numerous messages urging the two sides to reach agreement in the interests of peace and European civilisation.

The Soviet delegation promised to "do everything that depends on it to achieve positive results." Soviet sources said the messages came "both from organisations and individuals" but they did not identify them.

Neither side gave any indication of what happened at today's talks at the Villa Rosa, a former banker's residence now part of the closely-guarded Soviet mission.

terms demanded by Israel.

Camp David accords.

LONDON, Dec. 4 (R) - Western European coun-

tries were still uncommitted today about their par-

ticipation in a Sinai peacekeeping force on the

The Israeli position, set out in a joint U.S.-Israeli

statement, specifies that the basis for European

participation in the force must be the peace treaty

between Israel and Egypt that stemmed from the

Israeli officials say their government wants con-

firmation from four European countries-Britain.

France, Italy and the Netherlands-that they

agree to this condition.

In a terse response to the Israeli demand, the

British Foreign Office said today: "We will con-

DAMASCUS, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Al Kasm reshuffled his 36-man

cabinet today, retaining all key ministries for the

ruling Socialist Baath Party with the Moscow-

oriented Communist Party keeping its two trad-

The sources, who requested anonymity, said the

49-year-old Kasm brought nine newcomers into

the Baath-dominated government he originally formed in January 1980. Like their outgoing pre-

decessors, the newcomers are all technocrats, the

The reshuffle followed Syria's recent par-

liamentary election in which the Baath Party main-

tained its 60 per cent majority and its junior coal-

ition Communist partner in the government lost all

Despite the loss, Mr. Kasm retained Mr. Raafat

Kurdi as communication minister and named Mr.

Daoud Hamido, also a Communist, as minister of

The Communists have held these two portfolios

since Mr. Assad came to power in 1970. Their

continued presence in the cabinet underscored no

major policy shifts by Mr. Assad's regime as a result

The sources said Mr. Assad has signed the pres-

state without portfolio, the sources added.

of the post-election reshuffle.

its either seats in the 195-member legislature.

itional portfolios, official sources here reported.

sider it in consultation with our partners."

A U.S. statement said simply that the talks lasted two bours and 25 minutes. Spokesman said they could add nothing to this and Soviet officials were not available: U.S. chief negotiator, Paul H.

Nitze, and his Soviet counterpart Yuli Kvitsinsky agreed earlier this week to impose a news blackout on the talks. Mr. Nitze said be would not "engage in a debate via the media." Western sources said they

believed the negotiations, which are taking place against a background of public concern in Western Europe at the prospect of more missiles being placed there, bad got off to a satisfactory start.

A senior diplomat from a NATO country said: "The very fact these negotiations are taking place reflects solidarity and solid preparations within the alliance." He said President Reagan's

Europeans to consult on Sinai role

following joint U.S.-Israeli statement

Kasm reshuffles Syrian cabinet

munity (EEC).

participation by the four.

the Basth Party command.

offer not to deploy 572 new Pershing-II and Cruise missiles in Europe if the Soviets dismantled their own medium-range missiles already in place was "no propaganda ploy."

The Americans were aware that the issue of nuclear missiles in Europe was "of burning public interest" in West European countries, be said.

Geneva University's strategic studies department, Dr. Onkar Marwah, told a news conference the Soviet Union - which has rejected Mr. Reagan's offerwould gain by agreeing to it. Dr. Marwah said Soviet missiles

would still be able to reach Western Europe even if withdrawn behind the Ural Mountains, and in return Moscow would gain a commitment from the U.S. not to place Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe.

statement, declining to say when and where such

the entire 10-member European Economic Com-

would have to jointly consider what action to take.

Ministry said: "We stand by our earlier decla-

felt the U.S.-Israeli statement paved the way for

idential decree of the reshuffle and they are

expected to be formally amounced within 24

Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam,

Defence Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass, Interior Minister Maj. Gen. Nassereddin Nasser

and Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad

retained their portfolios. They are all members of

Syria's media, meanwhile, kept up its attacks on the new Middle East shuttle of U.S. presidential

envoy Philip C. Habib, who arrived in Jerusalem

"Habib is no longer a mediator, or even a post-

man," said the Baath Party newspaper Tishrin." He

has come again to the Middle East carrying con-

cealed threats to undermine the South Lebanon

ceasefire...and give Israel a free military hand in the

The Syrian government believes that American's

newly signed strategic defence pact with Israel had

made the United States a party to the Middle East

conflict on Israel's side and thus rendered President

Ronald Reagan's administration incapable of being

a mediator or an arbitrator in the Arab-Israeli con-

today for talks with Israeli government leaders.

rations on this issue and there is nothing to add."

But he thought the Geneva negotiators faced a very tight schedule if they were to complete the talks before the scheduled date for deploying the American missiles towards the end of 1983. From now on, the talks are

planned to alternate twice a week between the U.S. and Soviet missions, with the next round heing The Indian deputy director of ference room of the U.S. arms control and disarmament agency near Lake Geneva next Tuesday.

Although the meetings are shrouded in secrecy, the two tenstrong delegations may be concerned at this stage with defining the scope of the negotiations.

The U.S. want the talks limited to Soviet and American landbased missiles, but the Soviets may push for other forward-based U.S. systems and British and French weapons to be discussed as

Ghali calls for closer cooperation British officials refused to elaborate on this on Mideast consultations would take place or whether they would include just the four participating states or

CAIRO, Dec. 4(R) — Egypt arged West Europe and the United States Informed French sources said today that if Israel today to cooperate more closely in tackling the Middle East problem. insisted on a formal response accepting the terms of the statement the four and their EEC partners Minister of state for foreign A spokesman for the French External Relations affairs, Boutros Chall, told reporters be had raised the question at a meeting with European Par-The spokesman declined to say whether France

Hament President Simone Vell. The discussion between Mr. Ghali and Mrs. Veil also touched on European participation in a projected Sinai peacekeeping force, officials said.

Mrs. Vell is paying a five-day visit to Egypt as guest of the Egyptian pariisment.

Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands have offered to contribute units to the peacekeeping force, intended to patrol Sinai after Israel completes its withdrawal from the peninsula next April.

But yesterday the U.S. and Israel issued a joint statement designed to resolve the problem, and today the U.S. embassy handed a copy of it to the Egyptian foreign ministry. The declaration, issued shoul-

tanenusly in Jerusalem and Washington, said participation in the force would have to be based on the U.S.-sponsored Egypt-Israel Camp David peace accords.

A senior U.S. official said in Washington that the West European participants would not have to renounce a declaration which they made in Venice, Italy, last year calling for a greater Palestinian role in the Middle East peace process. .

Habib meets with Shamir, Sharon

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 ((A.P.) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib met with Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir for nearly two hours today to discuss the Lebanese crisis and brief the Israelis on his talks in Beirut, Damascus and Amman.

He also met with Defence Minister Ariel Sharon later in the day and is expected to call on Prime Minister Menachem Begin who is receiving treatment in hospital from a broken hipjoint. No

details of Mr. Habib's meeting with Gen. Sharon were released. It was the American envoy's fourth trip to the Middle East since April, when President Reagan sent him bere to defuse a crisis over Syria's deployment of anti-aircraft missiles in the

Lebanese civil war arena. Mr. Habib, on the sixth day of his latest mission, also was to visit Saudi Arabia

His efforts to settle the missile crisis have expanded into a broader mission to end the Lebanese war involving Syria, the

Lebanese army, Israel and the Palestinian forces.

The ceasefire which Mr. Habib arranged between Israel and the guerrillas on July 24 has held up better than military analysts believed at the time. No shooting incidents have been reported except in the Christian enclave of southern Lebanon backed by

But the crisis is looming again with Israeli claims that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is exploiting the truce to build up a formidable force in southern Lebanon.

Gen. Sharon has tacitly threatened Israeli military action if the buildup does not stop. The defence ministry claims 15,000 commandos now confront Israel with nearly 300 artillery pieces rocket batteries and tanks.

The commando threat has upstaged the missile crisis. although Israel insists they are a danger to its control of Lebanese skies and continued to demand

Sharon's visit to Africa confirmed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. Dec. 4 (R) - Israel expects to regain diplomatic relations with a number of African states after it completes its withdrawal from Sinai next April, Israeli gov-eroment officials said today. The officials confirmed reports

that Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon secretly visited some African countries last month to discuss resuming ties broken after the 1973 Middle East war. "Many of the African states cut

their ties with us because they felt Egypt was trying to recover Sinai in the 1973 war," one official told keuters.

"With its complete return to Egypt at the end of next April, Israel has good reason to expect a number of African nations to renew their relations with us."

President Mobuto Sese Seko of Zaire said during a visit to Washington on Wednesday that his country was prepared to restore relations with Israel immediately, but was waiting to see how other African leaders would act.

The African nations broke off relations with Israel just after the 1973 war in response to an Egyptian call to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). Only Swaziland, Malawi and Lesotho retained official ties with Israel. Another Israeli official said that a strategic cooperation agreement

signed by Israel and the U.S. last Monday would also encourage an African-Israeli rapprochement. "As soon as word got around

negotiating an agreement on diplomatic ties.

number of African states approached us with inquiries whether they would be able to get aid from us," the official said. "A number of similar impairies

cooperation with the U.S., a

came from non-African countries who severed their ties with us some years ago," the official added. He declined to elaborate.

The official said African officials had authorised Mr. Sharon to express to the U.S. their growing concern about the activities of the Soviet Union and its allies in

Africa. "Pro-Western countries in Africa are very worned about the tremendous arsenal that the Soviet Union has built up in Libya and by Soviet activities and arms supplies to other pro-Soviet states below the Sahara," the official said.

Mr. Sharon later flew to Washington where he signed the cooperation agreement with the

"It was no coincidence that Mr. Sharon was in Washington just before President Mobuto made his statement about renewing relations with Israel," the official said. He declined to say whether the two men had conferred.

Both Israeli officials felt that Israel would be in a far stronger position to provide all kinds of assistance to African countries as a result of the cooperation accord with the U.S.

The officials said it was no secret that several African countries maintained close economic ties some time ago that we were with Israel despite the absence of

Polish trade unions threaten new strikes

WARSAW, Dec. 4 (R) — The Solidarity free trade union demanded major political coocessions today as a condition for joining the ruling Communists in a national front and warned it would bring the nation out on strike if the authorities declared a state of emergency.

The union demands, published after a meeting of regional chiefs. came in response to a government crackdown which brought troops and riot police into action in Warsaw on Wednesday to break a strike by cadet firemen.

The demands are subject to adoption by the union's national commission which meets in Gdansk next week but they spelt out for the first time Solidarity's official position on joining the Communist-sponsored national front.

The union accused the Communists of promoting a facade and called for free local elections. access to the mass media, a solidarity version of a trade union law, a halt to reprisals against union activists, fully fledged economic reform and union control over food and the economy as minimum conditions for national

has opposed most of the demands on the grounds that they are unacceptable politically.

The solidarity statement, pub-

lished in the union's Warsaw news bulletin Wiadomosci Dnia, said: "Regardless of whether the law on extraordinary measures would empower the government to court-martial eivilians, ban assemblies, curb travel or only prohibit the right to strike, it could be introduced only through terror. This would amount to an attempt

at incapacitating society by force." It said the union would reply with a 24-hour national strike if the Seim (parliament) armed the government with emergency powers and would launch an unmediate all-out general strike if the authorities attempted to enforce

The union leaders also said they would never allow Solidarity to serve as a smoke-screen for the government's failures in any make-believe body like the existing national unity front.

"Adding the solidarity emblem to the old system of political authority which brought the country to collapse will in no way ease the crisis but can only deprive our The Communist establishment credibility," it added. union of its independence and

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By Suzanne Zu'mut-Biack Special to the Jordan Times

"IN JORDAN we can see everywhere in the country," stated Mr. Jean Rigopoulo, head of the

Greek origin, said that the pro-tection of prisoners, which comes under the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the additional Protocols, is one of the ICRCs main con-.

"Some countries allow us to see all types of prisoners. Some, however, stick strictly in the Geneva Conventions. In South Africa, for example we see those in opposition to the state. Similarly, the ICRC delegates visit all prisoners in the Occupied West Bank and Gaza since all civilians under occupation are protected by the Geneva Conventions, but they do not visit prisoners with Israeli passports, be they Arab nr Jew," he told the Jurdan Times in an

He also pointed out that the ICRC visits prisoners whose country does not have diplomatic representation in the country in which they are imprisoned.

Mr. Rigopoulo outlined a standard prison visit by ICRC delegates which always culminates in a report that is sent to headquarters in Geneva, and subsequently to the government concerned.

An initial interview during a rontine prison round in Jordan is with the warden to nbtain information on the state of the prison that day, such as the number of prisoners and any existing problems. Tugether they go through the previous ICRC report, usually made six months earlier.

The report could point out the lack of hot water, broken windnw panes and general improvements the warden had promised to dn.

"We go round the whole prison. Every room, every toilet, every cell, every door has to be opened," Mr. Rigopoulo stressed. "We check everything: running water, the amount of blankets and mattresses. We also inspect the kitchen, get the menu of the day and check the quantities served."

An ICRC delegate also has to check hygiene standards, sometimes as basic as toilet cleanliness,

All doors get opened for ICRC delegates

body, prisoner or detainee, man nr woman, political or non-political, Jordanian or non-Jordanian who is in the prison during nur visits. We can ask for any door, even the closet, to be opened for us, anywhere in the prison of the prison during nur visits. In describing the many and varied functions of the ICRC, Mr. Rigopoulo, a naturalised Swiss of Greek origin, said that the protection of prisoners which accord

smell," and adequate ventilation. Medical facilities are also monitored, first for availability and then quality, and for the frequency of doctor's examinations. A hospital close enough has to be designated and quick transport to it

As the delegates make their rounds, they introduce themselves and let the prisoners know that they can talk to them openly nr in

place of the delegate's choosing.
"The prison yard, for example, can serve that purpose," said Mr. Rigopoulo, who has the advantage of speaking Arabic fluently, having spent the first eighteen years of his life in Egypt.

'My Egyptian accent caused a lot of puzzlement from the Palestinian prisoners when I worked in the West Bank just before coming here," he said. "Anyway I think

private, about anything and in a I've managed in drop a lot of

Through talking to the prisoners, the ICRC delegates can help with conditions of detention such as food and medical nr disciplinary treatment. "Often they come to talk just because it is a friendly face, and it does them some good that somebody is listening, that somebody is checking

and caring. To help prisons affer entertainment to inmates, the ICRC provides them with games -backgammun, chess, dnininoes -equipment for sports such as table tennis, volleyball and basketball and depending nn the space available. Also provided are books to cater for all moods and intellects, in both Arabic and English. Pulitics, sex and violent subjects are avoided.

Mr. Rigopoulo warns however, that "sometimes it is not in nur,

power to do anything. We can't help if somebody complains that he has twenty five children and no breadwinner. The ICRC has no budget for that kind of aid." He pointed out, however, that

this role is for the Ministry of Social Development and charitable societies and that he does approach them about cases at

At the end of every visit, all observations, "positive and negative" are discussed with the prison warden. This includes both general and individual cases.

"I do not write anything in the report that hasn't been discussed. We are there to advise, help, and recommend. We are not inspecturs," insisted Mr. Rigopoulo. The warden can respond with what is within his power or what has to be done with higher authority. Our recommendations are reasonable.

At the end of a series of visits a report is written and sent to Geneva. This will also go to related higher levels such as the Ministry of Social Development, The Ministry of Health and Army Headquarters for discussion.

The average twice-yearly visits to prisons do not apply to the General Intelligence Department. There, nur visits are more frequent, almost twice a month. The conditions of detention are different, with no family visits, T.V., or books. We go from cell to cell and speak privately. We can give families information about the prisoner's health and get them salamat (greetings). Penple imagine the worst when they can't see someone. This satisfies a human need."

Other than the protection of prisoners, the ICRC in Amman offers a very valuable and fully utilised service. A radio service in Morse linking Amman with Jerusalem, Damascus, Beirut, Cairo and Geneva is available to the public for humanitarian messages in cases of emergency. It is used mostly in the case of deaths, funerals, illness nr to obtain visit permits quickly in urgent cases.

A further ICRC service available to the public is the transmission of correspondence in the form of "Red Cross" messages between countries where there is no official mail. In the case of Jordan, ICRC delegates from Jordan and the West Bank exchange these messages after censorship on the River Jordan bridges every Thursday. In the same way that this mail can get in and nut of prisons here, it can do so in the occupied territories.

Founded in 1863, the ICRC is a neutral and independent institu-



Mr. Rigopoulu in his office in Amman

tion and the delegates are exchi- and does not allow admission to a sively Swiss. Under the motto 'Charity in the Clash of Arms," its role is to protect and assist all victims and natural disasters. The protective emblem, a red cross on white ground was adopted in

The cross is absolutely not a religious sign," stressed Mr. Rigopoulo. "It is the Swiss flag in inverted colours. It is an easy sign to recognise and to draw, one can even use one's own blood. The first step when transforming a new hospital in times of war is to paint a huge cross on the roof,"

Shortly after the formation of the ICRC, national relief societies started to be established, and in 1876 the Red Crescent came into use by local societies in Muslim countries. It was in 1919 that the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies was formed, Member countries are part of the decision making process, attending conferences and voting.

There were at one time, three signs used by members of the league. The Red Lion and Sun, only nsed by Iran, was recently abolished. Now the league recognises only the twn signs -- the Red Crass and the Red Crescent

country using any other sign.
The league and the ICRC are

parts of the over-all body of the International Red Cross (IRC) which meets once every four years. (The last meeting was in Manila in November). They work together in times of trouble and war, but have distinct functions.

"The obvious distinction between the ICRC and the Red Cross and Red Crescent societies is that the first gets into prisons and detention centres of any kind, while the other concentrates on health and medication," Mr. Rigopoulo said.

The national societies, including the Jordanian Red Crescent Society would be responsible for the individual country's medication, hospitals and ambulances, and would respond to natural disasters and armed conflict," the ICRC official explained.

He cited the Iraql - Iranian war as an example, during which the ICRC delegates in Iraq looked after prisoners of war, while the Iraqi Red Crescent Society took care of the wounded during the air raids on Baghdad. On the other hand, ICRC delegates visited Iraqi prisoners of war in Iran.



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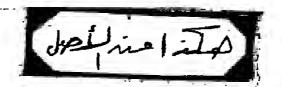
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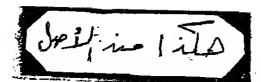
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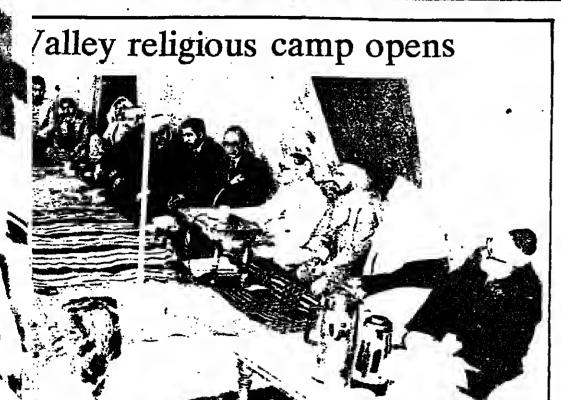
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MAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) - Minister of Awqaf and nic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif opened yesterday igious guidance camp in the northern Jordan by area. Addressing the participants in the p, which will continue for one week, Mr. if pointed out the important role of the cher in spreading Islamic doctrine. He also e of the role of religious guidance camps in ing the participants gain experience and

develop their speaking skills. Mr. Sharif said the mosque is a major communications channel, which the preachers should use to spread the word of God. He also asserted the role of Islam in confronting various challenges, and in achieving progress and development. Twenty-five preachers par ticipating in the camp will receive lectures from teachers specialised in various shari'a (Islamic law) sciences.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

sfour meets Libyan aide

MMAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) - Minister of Industry and Trade alid Asfour received yesterday Libyan Secretary of Economy bu Zeid Dourdeh. During the meeting, they reviewed economic id trade relations between their two countries, and the pospility of increasing the volume of Jordanian exports to Libya in e future. The meeting was attended by the Under-Secretary of dustry and Trade Mohammad Saleh Hourani and the director the ministry's economic cooperation department.

'ostal union meeting starts today

MMAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) - Jordan will participate in the meetgs of the executive council of the Arah Postal Union, which will pen in Dubai on Saturday. The Jordanian delegation to the eetings, under Under-Secretary of Communications Faris Al rayreb, left Amman for Dubai yesterday. The Arab delegations rticipating in the 10-day meetings will discuss several topics lated to expanding the scope of postal cooperation among the e most modern methods.

stinguished U.S. pianist due

works by Mendelssohn and Liszt,

and rescuing lesser-known com-

The pianist's programme in

Amman will include a rechal at

the Holiday Inn Ballroom on

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 p.m. He

will also conduct a workshop at

posers from obscurity.

American Centre.

IAN, Dec. 4 (J.T.) — Mr. Berkofsky, a distinguished , American pianist, will in Amman on Sunday, to m at the invitation of the d States International

tunication Agency. n in 1943 in Washington. Mr. Berkofsky studied at 'eabody Conservatory of in Baltimore. He later ed a Fulbright grant to study

Vienna Academy. r winning the National League Young Artist Audield annually in New York. sky received a five-year peer has since flourished; he et to tour the United States. competition, has performed najor symptonies as feasoloist and has made

Berkofsky is also rec-I for his work in restoring

. ional unistration inar ends

N, Dec. 4 (Petra) — A on regional administorganised by the Arah stion for Administrative s (AOAS) concluded in 1 yesterday.

AS Director General ah Al Zo'hi made a speech 3 out the significance of ninars, whose aim, he said, eoretical concepts of regt them with the results of studies in the administf developing regions. The

mental factors affecting administration are also to account.

g the week-long seminar, cipants discussed topics o the concepts of regional Tation and urban studies ir impact on regional ment, and ways to develop administration in Arah s. Twenty high-ranking administration officials in ountries attended the

s end of the seminar, Dr. istributed certificates to cipents.

to serve 27 northern villages

New complex

IRBID, Dec. 4 (Petra) — Eighty dunums of land have been expropriated in the Sama Al Rusan triangle area in preparation for the construction of a complex to house government departments, a central school for boys and a health centre.

The project will serve the 27 villages of Bani Kananeh area, whose total population is 60,000

Preliminary studies of the cost and the steps of the project's implementation are currently under way.

post offices in '81

AMMAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) — The Communications Ministry opened this year 38 post offices around the country, bringing the total number of post offices to 709, Communications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben said today.

Dr. Zaben explained that 90 per cent of the new post offices were opened in rural areas, centres of agricultural production and remote areas where no postal services had been available.

the American Centre, to which all Dr. Zaben added that under the music teachers and interested ministry's working plan for next music students are invited, at 4 year, which was approved p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. recently, 82 new post offices will be Free tickets and further inforopened in various parts of the mation are available from the

Jordanian costume stars in New Jersey

ILO team hears of Israeli measures

International Labour Organisation (ILO) delegation currently touring the Middle East yesterday visited the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs and the Amman Chamber of Industry. Its members were briefed by Jordanian officials on the conditions of the Arah work-ers and residents in the occupied territories, and heard an explanation of the arbitrary economic and tax measures applied by the Israeli occupation authorities against Arab industrial and investment enterprises and husinessmen, with the aim of forcing them to evacuate their home-

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim reviewed with the delegation yesterday the conditions of the Arah workers in the occupied territories, and the measures which could be taken to assist them and to protect their rights.

Mr. Ibrahim explained to the ILO delegation the practices of the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories -- practices which, he said, contravene all civilised laws. He also explained to the delegation the arbitrary measures applied by the Israeli occupation authorities against Arab trade unions and workers' interests.

The delegation, comprising ILO Equal Rights Department Director Claude Roseller and Beirut Office Director Shukri Al Dajani, arrived in Amman on Tuesday. The team's mission is preparatory to a fact-finding visit. the fifth by an ILO delegation, to the occupied Arah territories in search of information about the condition of workers there.

Public works officers review projects, budget

AMMAN. Dec. 4 (Petra) ,— Minister of Public Works Awni Al Masri yesterday presided over the monthly meeting of public works directors in Jordan's governorates

During the meeting, they dis-cussed the conditions of the veh-Jordan got 38 new cussed the conditions of the venicles belonging to the ministry in preparation for their redis-tribution to the local public works directorates, according to the needs of the projects which will be implemented next year. They also reviewed the financial situation of the ministry for this year, as well as the programmes and projects included in the draft hudget of next year.

Mr. Masri requested the public works officers to expedie the processing of fees due to contractors, so they might be paid before the end of the year; and to provide the ministry, by the end of January with a comprehensive report on the achievements of each direc-

The meeting was attended by the ministry's under-secretary and high-ranking ministry officials.

torate this year.

with the Jordan Times, said that the current mission would facilitate the occupied territories mis-sion, scheduled for early 1982, which would follow up a 1980 ILO resolution on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. He stressed, however, that the organisation was concerned with sertlements only insofar as they affect the conditions of workers: the domain to which the ILO's mandate is restricted.

The ILO can only work within its "terms of reference," he asserted; and it has no power to enforce any recommendations or decisions it might take.

Mr. Roseller noted that in the delegation's discussions with Jordanian officials, it had encountered great concern to improve the conditions of the Arah workers living under Israeli occupation. All information the team gathers on its current trip will be used on the 1982 mission, he said.

The team, which arrived here after a visit to Syria, is due to travel to Lehanon tomorrow. There, Mr. Roseller said, its members plan to have more preparatory talks, this time with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

He said that the mission to the occupied territories next year would meet with the people con-cerned in private, which would facilitate the gathering of factual. unhiased information. The team would be examining ways the ILO can help workers under occupation--for instance, with training and seminars.

The findings of both the current mission and next year's will be submitted to the ILO director general, who will in turn submit them to the next international labour conference.



CAEU ministers approve 2 new firms, Palestine support

AMMAN, Dec. 4 (Petra) — The two-day 38th session of the ministerial council of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), which ended here yesterday, approved a number of important resolutions, including the establishment of two joint Arab companies and measures to aid the Palestinian economy.

CAEU Secretary General Fakhri Qaddouri, announcing this at a press conference here yesterday, said the resolutions of the council session would enhance joint Arab action on the path of economic

integration.

Dr. Qaddouri said that the CAEU secretary general's report. dealing in detail with economic activities in the Arah World dur-

ing the 1970s as well as international economic developments and their impact on the developing and Arah countries, were discussed. The CAEU general secretariat was requested to dis-tribute the report to member states, he said. Dr. Qaddouri added that the

ministerial council decided to support and to facilitate the marketing in Arab countries of the industrial and agricultural products of the occupied Arah territories. It also approved the establishment of an Arab international company for land transport, he said.

The general secretariat was requested to invite the delegates of states and representatives of Arah official and semi-official companies to meet and to set in motion the operation of the company, Dr. Qaddouri said.

The CAEU secretary general also said that the ministerial council had approved the establishment of an Arab printing company, and requested the general secretariat to make contacts with Arab countries to agree upon their participation.

The council also approved the unified byelaws of specialised Arah federations, and a technical aid programme for 1982 to the less developed Arab countries. The appropriations for such aid in next year's CAEU budget totalled \$625,000, an increase by 46 per cent from 1981, Dr. Qaddouri

He explained that the aid will be used in performing statistical surveys, raising the standards of statistics employees, paying for the equipment they need and the expenses of statistical trainces.

The amount so far spent on the lechnical aid programme since its establishment now totals \$2.25 million, he said.

Dr. Qaddouri said that the ministerial council also approved several important resolutions, including all the recommendations of the subcommittees which met in the last six months and the council's hudget for 1982. The council will hold its 39th session in Amman next June, he said.

The participants in the meeting sent a cable to His Majesty King Hussein expressing their thanks and appreciation for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to them. They affirmed that they would continue their efforts to achieve more on the road to Arah economic unity.

A female Alia employee receives an athletic trophy from Mr. Ali Ghandour at Thursday's ceremony

Alia's 18-year development recalled at awards ceremony

AMMAN, Dec. 4 (Petral -Awards and cups were distributed to the athletes of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, in a reception at the Holiday Inn last night.

Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour, in a speech on the occasion, emphasised the role of sports in developing the physical and mental capabilities of Alia's employees, and consequently. increasing their productivity.

Noting that Alia will soon celebrate its 18th anniversary, Mr. Ghandour recalled that the airline had begun small, and had grown to occupy the second place in the Arah World in terms of productivity, and the 32nd place among the world airlines. He said this is a distinguished position. which Alia enjoys thanks to the efficiency of its employees and their dedication to the "pioneering institution.

Mr. Ghandour said that Alia will next year increase the number of its flights to the United States. There will be more than one daily U.S. flight, to more than one desrination, he said.

Mr. Ghandour added that world airlines are facing difficulties and suffering financial losses because of the stagnation in the world economy. However, thanks to its

At the end of the reception, Mr. Ghandour distributed the cups

and medals to Alia employees who had won competitions in chess, table tennis and other sports. He also presented medals to employees with from five to 15 years of service.

employees, Alia has not faced

these difficulties or suffered these

losses, he said.

Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with light and variable winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

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Elementary school student Jim Anz wears Arab dress to represent Jardan during a costume day recently at Cherry Hill school in River Edge, New

Jersey. Jim works with a classmate representing Germany on a weaving project. (Photo hy Rich

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Photos of the Iraqi-Iranian Gulf war, at the Iraqi press office.

 Ceramic reliefs by Maha Otaqui, at the Suhail Bisharat Gallery in Jabal Amman.

* Ceramics by Issam Nuseirat and Vivian Batshoun, at the Haya Arts Centre.

Film

* The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy in colour, "Le Sauvage," (Arabic sub-titles) at 7:30 p.m.

Children's plays

 The Haya Arts Centre in cooperation with the Goethe Institute presents plays for children (age 5 - 10): "The Musicians of Bremen" and "Rapunzel," performed by the Drama Group of the Haya Arts Centre, in Arabic, at 3:30 p.m.

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Stir for a stalemate

THE IRONY of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib roaming the Middle East while the U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement was being signed in Washington brings up once again the matter of America's credentials as a mediator in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The full meaning of the strategic cooperation agreement will take some time to become clear. But it is obvious already that it will badly complicate the ability of the two superpowers to have any kind of cooperation in helping to resolve the Arab-Israeli dispute. Soviet involvement is crucial for a lasting settlement, and the Americans and Israelis are being naive if they believe that the Soviets can be. kept out of Mideast diplomatic moves. To formally commit the Americans and Israelis to an anti-Soviet alliance in the region is about as frantic and as frenzied as one can get without actually accusing Mr. Breznnev of beating up little Arab children.

If the Americans and Israelis have no pride to fall back on the Soviets do. They are unlikely to take kindly to being the object of a military cooperation accord between Washington and Tel Aviv. and they are likely to respond in a manner that will complicate efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East. The Americans, in one swift move, have alienated most of the Arabs and the Soviets as well. For Washington then to send in Mr. Habib as a would-be peace-maker strikes us as peculiar, if not badly contradictory.

We had always thought that a joint American-Soviet effort, at some point, could play a major role in peace-making attempts. It seems that the American-Israeli side does not wish this to happen. We are asked to accept only American mediation, at a time when Americanism smacks of a severe lack of evenhandeoness. A better recipe for stalemate would be hard to imagine.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Another stumbling block

AL RA'L: Obviously the strategic cooperation agreement concluded between the United States and Israel adds a new stumbling block to the already emisting obstacles in the way of achieving peace and stability in the

The agreement will provide Israel with more military capabilities in addition to the military and economic aid which the Zionist state has already obtained from the United States. It will also instal Israel as a policemen in the area under the pretext of defending h against the Soviet

This means that the Israeli obstinacy, which has always depended on force, will coordine in view of the additional strength which Israel will acquire according to the agreement. This will expose the area to further

Furthermore, the agreement means turning facts in the area upside down, because it is the Israeli aggression that threatens the area.

Moreover, the agreement constitutes a dangerous step to involve the area as an arena for superpower rivalry.

The agreement and its consequences should prompt the Arabs to rise to the level of challenges; they cannot do so unless they rebuild their unified ranks, overlook their useless sensitivities, and embark on the path of joint Arab action. This what has been stressed by King Hussein in the Fez summit, and before it, in the Amman summit, and in all Arab meetings and talks. This is the only way for the Arabs to build their self-strength, stay away from foreign ailiances and axes, preserve the Arab free will, and become capable of unified action based on this free will.

The significance of Jordan's role

Al. DUSTOUR: While it was a coincidence that U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib and Soviel roving ambassador Mikhail Sytemko were visiting Amman at the same time, their visits are a reaffirmation of the significance of the Iordanian role in the region and in any international efforts to establish a just and durable peace in it and in coping with any dangers and threats posed to it.

The presence of the representatives of the two superpowers in Amman

is also an aformation of another significant fact, namely the independence of the Jordanian policy which is based on dealing with others free from polarisation or alliances, because those who fall into the trap of such alliances lose their national identity and become incapable of action and subservient to others and their policy, even if this policy contradicts their

national interests, goals and aspirations.

Jordan's consistent and frank stand and its pan-Arab commitments, particularly the Palestine cause, are the basis for the significance of the Jordanian role. They also allow Jordanian policy to be independent, to act freely and 10 deal with others according to the dictates of the supreme pan-Arab interest.

What the American envoy heard from King Hussein and the Jordanian officials on Lebanon and the situation in the Middle East represents lordan's consistent and declared stand. It was the same thing which the Soviet envoy heard from the King.

Jordan is eager to achieve just and comprehensive peace, but it is also more eager to protect the future of the Arab Nation and defend its rights, particularly the rights of the Palestinian people, which have been denied for many years as a result of the Israeli aggression and occupation of

Consequently, we take issue with the United States because it is still following a policy biased in favour of aggressor Israel. We believe that the United States is either unwilling or incapable of balancing its policy and exerting its influence and prestige as a superpower to force Israel to stop its aggression and to withdraw from the occupied Arab areas in order to pave the way for achieving a just and comprehensive settlement, because partial settlements cannot contribute to the establishment of peace, sta-bility and security. On the contrary, they complicate matters, escalate tension, and bring the situation eloser to explosion.

Because we are eager to achieve genuine peace and protect our national rights, we appreciate the stand of the Soviet Union which supports Arab rights and the rights of the Palestinian people as well as the support it renders to us in confronting the Israeli aggression, and in rejecting partial settlements and the Camp David plot.

Gordan Times Let's listen to what the Saudis have to say

Not since Israel's creation in 1948, in my judgement has there been a greater possibility of achieving peace between Israel, the Palestinians and its Arab neighbours.

Looking back, anyone who expected the Camp David accords to be accepted by all the states in the Middle East was unaware of the sensitivities that were either ignored or purposely shelved for later consideration. Likewise, anyone who now expects the Saudis' eight points to be universally applauded is remiss in not appreciating the real facts of life in the region -- both in Israel and among parties less thoughtful than

However, the acceptance by Jordan, the PLO and others of the overall approach embodied in the Saudi eight-point peace plan may be a crucial turning point. For the first time, even if indirectly. important Arah parties have

turned away from "outlawing" Israel as an illegitimate entity and have looked to negotiations with recognitioo and "coexistence" as the eventual goal.

Many have forgotteo the extreme difference between the speeches Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin made to the Knesset -- differences that thoughtful oegotiatioos helped

My visit in August to a number of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, convinced me that with very few exceptions there was a general feeling at the highest levels that Israel was here to stay, that it had developed into a military superpower, that Jewish nationalism was accepted as such if not understood, and that the time had finally come to find an answer to the basic problem that stood in the way of a com-

prehensive peace. Over and over, the Palestinian issue dominated cooversation and viewpoints. The Palestinians have become a special people in the Arah World, in some ways like the Jews were in the West following World War II.

The next most significant conclusion was that the PLO was the only party qualified to speak for the Palestinians. There will be those who will say that such a conclusion is naive or ill-founded. Perhaps so; but it remains a fact that the PLO has sufficient strength in an increasing number of capitals to either accelerate or abort the peace process that was begun four years ago with Sadat's Jerusalem visit.

The PLO members are trying to create, and with some success, an organisation that handles many social and economic problems, even as they continue to build a more sophisticated military potential. They are spokeo of as "the modern-day Jews of the Arab

I found that the Camp David accords were rejected not so much because of unwillingness to contemplate peace with Israel as because they failed to link properly the Egyptian-Israeli treaty with resolution of the Palestinian issue. Many condemo Camp David for this, forgetting that without this beginning there prohably would not be today's Saudi initiative. Others feel that Camp David has served its function and should now be supplemented or

transceoded. It would be tragic and unthinkable to lose the momentum begun at Camp David. The autonomy discussions should now be accelerated in an attempt to draw Palestinian representation into the negotiatioos. But if the autonomy talks fail to deal adequately with the Palestinian issue. there is no dishonour in supplementing them with the suggestions of others.

Here the Saudi approach may

prove useful. As President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt has suggested, and as the Reagan administration has implied, the Saudi ideas are not incompatible with the peace process. Enlarging participation in the process was, in fact, envisioned at Camp David.

I knew the representatives of Saudi Arahia in the Uoited Nations in the mid-1950s and 1960s. They were in the main mercenaries who were not always native Saudis or polished diplomats. Energy economics and 20 years have transformed the Saudi situation. Yet the ruling family, it appears to me, senses that many more changes need to be made. In my contacts outside the kingdom with representatives of the Saudi monarchy and with Saudi private businessmen. I have not found the alleged arrogance of which some others complain. There actually seems to be a kind of modesty accompanied by serious anxiety about the unknown future. Comparing Saudi Arabia with In under the Shah is unrealistic in fact, there is little comparison to Saudi Arabia today or probably in history the country is sui general

I conclude that no genuine peace will be achieved anyting soon without some real means of Saudi participation. If this cop clusion is correct, ur even if the conjecture has possibilities, then should be explored by both the United States and Israel. We med to huild on the progress Cana David made possible. We may be mid-stream between the beginning of a limited peace and the achievement of a comprehensi

peace. EDITOR'S NOTE: Philip Klutznik was secretary of commerce in the Carter administration and is president emeritus of the World Jewish Congress and hon-orary president of B'nai B'nigh International.

-- From The Washington Post

Israel plays the 'Jewish' trick to net basketball players

By Daniel Grebler Associated Press

TEL AVIV - ISRAEL'S NATIONAL basketball season was almost held up this year because of an argument over whether Jack Zimmermao's mother was Jewish.

If she was not, oeither was be, And if he was not, he was not qual-

ified to play. The Zimmerman case illustrates how far Israeli sports entrepreneurs will go to squeeze U.S. players through loopholes in Israel's unique immigration laws.

Like most European basketball teams, Israeli squads have hired American players to raise their standards. Israel hasketball association rules permit squads to use one foreign player in local play. In European international games, a second noo-citizen may ioin each team.

Here is where Israel's immig-

ration law comes in. The law of return grants antomatic citizenship to every Jewish immigrant along with spouses, whose religion does not matter.

The chief rabbis define a Jew as anyone horn to a Jewish mother. but there are two shortcuts to citizenship: conversion or marriage.

Zimmerman, a former University of Dayton star, signed with league champions Maccahi Tel Aviv. whose three other Americao-born players, two immigrants and one foreigner, have led the team to two European cup titles in four years.

When Zimmerman arrived in Tel Aviv, local sports reporters wrote that Maccahi has sigoed "a new Jewish player" to strengthen 'Actually, oeither Maccahi nor

Zimmerman said he was Jewish," says Motti Rosenhlum, a sportswriter for the daily Maariv. 'We just created a storm in a teacup -- we heard the name

Zimmerman and figured he had to be Jewish. We were the cause of all the noise."

If Zimmerman were Jewish, it would have made him Maccabi's third new immigrant player, and Eitan Megiddo, coath of the rival Hapoel Ramat Gan Club. threatened to demand a eheck on all the league's newcomers "as to whether they are truly Jews or fake Jews.

Megiddo said he tried to recruit Zimmerman last summer but gave up upon learning he was not Jew-

On the opening night of the local season, Zimmerman did not suit up for Maccabi, and since then has played only in European league games. He can join the local league only if be converts to Judaism, or marries a Jew or goes through a three-year naturalzation period.

Besides Zimmerman, there are some 35 other Americans playing for Israel's top 12 teams at

Salaries ranging from \$20,000 to \$60,000 a year. Some are Jews who have accepted Israeli citizenship, becoming dual nationals. Others, washed out of American professional teams, came here seeking new careers in the European league.

"I know of cases where they paid Israeli women to marry foreign basketball players who they could play in the league," says member of parliament Micha Hac-

Hapoel Tel Aviv's Andy Walker is an example of a team's gaining a gentile player through his Jewish spouse. Walker, who palyed professionally in the United States, immigrated earlier this year with his Jewish wife and became a citizen. Hapoel not only got an ex-pro, but also retained spots on its roster for another foreign player for local competition and two foreigners for European

How does an immigrant prove

Jewishness? Most of the time, no one asks for proof until he or she wants to marry. Then two witnesses are required to testify to rabbinical authorities that the prospective bride or groom immigrant or native Israeli -- is

"In the case of an immigrant, we sometimes require a letter from the rabhi of his coogregation." said a spokesman for the rabbinate. The interior ministry uses similar methods in determining the Jewishness of potential citi-

Rosenhlum recalls at least one haskethall player from South America who claimed to be a Jew and played four games in the local league. "Then people who knew the congregation there said they had never heard of his family. He was on a plane the next day."

Another controversy involved Aulcie Perry, a U.S. pro before becoming Maccabi Tel Aviv's

Perry converted to Judaism and took Israeli citizenship when his three-year foreign status enpired. The rival Hupoel Tel Aviv tied in scuttle the move by claiming Perry's circumsion, a main de ment of conversion to Judian was not carried out in accordance with orthodox law.

The affair provoked a storm in parliament and Maccabi accused Hapoel of racism. It died out in a few days, apparently because no one wanted to turn such an ugh affair into a political crisis.

Perry, 31, has taken the Hebites name Elisha. He and another U.S. black, former Boston Celtics and New York Nets player Earl Williams, are the mainstays of Maccabi's championship run, proving that unless the law of return is amended to exclude men over 1.8 metres tall who, can shoot rebound, pass and dribble, baskethall will continue to bring immigrants to the Jewish state.



wages propaganda war on rival ayatollahs

By Fereshteh Emami Associated Press

BEIRUT - ALTHOUGH CLERGYMEN are aplenty in Iran's Islamic republic, only one of the six foremost spiritual leaders wields any authority in the gov-

ernment.

The one is Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the aged patriarch of the revolution and, under the 1979 constitution, the Faghi or supreme religious and political leader.

Fundameotalist zealots have warned Iranians that it is haram a sin against religion - to follow the teachings of three of the country's six" grand ayatoliahs" including Kazem Shariatmadari, a longtime opponeot of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Shariatmadari, after a falling out with Khomeini, lives under virtual house arrest in Qom, the Shi ite Muslim theological centre, 110 kilometres south of Tehran. His supporters say he is under constant surveillance by Khomemi loyalists and was recently refused a passport when he wanted to make a pilgrimage to the Grand Mosque of Mecca in

Saudi Arabia. Four years ago Shariatmadari's house was the gathering place for earnest young theologianrevolutionanes.

Shariatmadari and two other grand ayatollahs, Hassan Qomi and Abol Qassem Khoi, now are

ignored by the state-run news media which used to attack them when they disagreed with the Khomeini fundamentalists. Disputes centred on the clergy's increasingly dominant role in politics and the Islamic revolutionary courts which have condemned thousands to death by stoning and by firing squad.

Grand Ayatollah stripped

Oomi, after criticising Khomeini's revolutiooary guardsmen in the northeastern city of Mas-hhad, was literally defrocked and stripped to his underwear in the city's grand mosque last summer. Tehran newspapers reported. His son Mahmoud, also a clergyman, had his beard shaved off as part of the family's disgrace.

Qomi remains in Mashad under constant surveillance, according to Ayatollah Mehdi Rohani, who was lived in Paris for many years but keeps in touch with colleagues in Iran.

Khoi, although an Iranian hy birth, has spent decades in Iraq which has a large Shi ite population. Sources close to his family said Khoi and other promineot theologians dispute Khomeini's right to be called "Grand Ayatol-

This title is traditionally bestowed in Islam's Shi'ite sect by a clergyman's followers to honour his expertise in interpreting the Koran, and for his spiritual lead-

Even after Khomein's triumphant return from exile in France in 1979. Khoi's letters to the revolutionary leader addressed him as" Hojatoleslam Khomeini," one rank below ayatollah in the Shi ite hierarchy, the sources said.

Two other grand ayatoliahs, Shahabedin Marashi Najafi and Mohammad Reza Payegani, are still officially in favour but they are seldom heard and have little power, according to clerical sources close to Khomeini. Both live in Oom.

"They tolerate the regime in the sense that they go to official func-tions," Ayatollah Mehdi Rohani said in a telephone interview from Paris, where he has lived since before the 1979 revolution.

This active participation in politics by Khomeini and hundreds of lower-ranking ayatoliahs and hojatoleslams had alienated thousands of Iran's 65,000 clergy men, Rohani claimed.

Junior Khomeini in trouble

Khomeioi's grandson. Hojatoleslam Hossein Khomeini, in a speech last summer in Mashhad criticised the hardline regime, according to the opposition National Front newspaper. It quoted him as saying, "It is worse than the Shah's."

Western diplomats in Tehran said young Khomeini was subsequently takeo to Qom and placed under house arrest.

Rohani, who said he is allied with no political group but main-

tains cootacts with Iranian dissidents from right-wing monarehists to leftist Mujahedeene-Khalq guerrillas, predicted that eventually a "silent majority" of clergymeo could rise against the fanatical regime.

Courts and Islamic law

The 46-year-old Rohani claimed there is already grave concern among the clergy over the conduct of the revolutionary courts. These courts, he said, were "set up in the name of religion but their decisions are not in line with Islamic regulations."

As an example, he cited the executions of Mujahedeene-Khalq women which are periodically reported by Tehran's state media. "The Holy Koran says that even if there are women fighting on the battlefield, no one is allowed to kill them." Rohant

He also denounced the coofiscation of wealth of executed regime opponents, a common practice in the early days of the Islamic republic when many of the deposed Shah's officials were executed.

"The taking of people's wealth -- the way it has been done -- is illegal," said Rohani. "If someone thought to be guilty is executed, his wealth has to be passed onto his heirs."

Such actions by the government, Rohani charged, tarnish the image of the government and of Islam.

Iran's executive, legislative and judicial hranches are now beaded by clergymen. President Ali Khamenei and Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Rafsanjani are hojatoleslams, while Chief Justice Abdul Karim Ardabili is an ayatollah. Scores of other clergymen serve in parliament, as ideological watchdogs in the military and internal security forces and in various other government

positions. Shariatmadari, in the early days of the revolution, said, "Guiding the people is far more important than any government position could be."

3 Ayatoliahs haram

Rohani claimed that grand ayatollahs Shariatmadari, Omi and Khoi were declared haram because of their opposition to clergy participation in the running of government.

Hojatoleslam Sadeq Khalkhali. the former religious judge who ordered the executions of hundreds of the Shah's officials in 1979 and is now a member of parliament, offered a different opin-

In a telephone interview from Tehran, Khalkhali told the Associated Press that the three spiritual leaders were haram because Khoi approved of the Shah and used to give him rings as gifts. Shariatmadari tried to keep the Shah here and to prevent Khomeini from coming back Iran. Qomi is not allowed to partise religious jurisprudence."

Lower ranks not spared

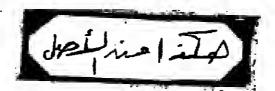
Lower-ranking clergymen have also been shunned for opposing the regime. Hojatoleslam Tehrani, a former Khomeini protter and former religious justin Mashhad, fell out of favour in supporting the secular minds president Abol Hassan Bani-Sea. who was dismissed by Khones last June 2, sources said. Wester diplomats in Tehran said Tehran was arrested last summer and sequently went on a hunger street

Avatollah Ali Ghafour. member of parliament, has not shown up in Tehran since two the his sons were executed in September for belonging to the out laws the laws of the laws lawed Mujahedeen-e-Khalq be parliament's public relations

office said. A source close to the family told the A.P. that Ghafourt's wife be "tried to commit suicide seren times following the executions and she has to be force-fed. Ghafoni himself is in seclusion and in bad

shape."

Mansour Farhang, an aide of ousted president Abol Hassin Bani-Sadr and a former Iranian representative of the United Nations recently told a news conference in New York that seteral young ciergymen have been executed in Iran for opposing the



ECONOMY

U.S. jobless up to 8.4%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) -The number of unemployed in the Uoited States soared over the nine million mark in November to reach its highest level in more than six years, the government said

The unemployment rate increased by four-tenths of a point from the previous month to 8.4 per cent as the American economy plunged deeper into recession, according to data released by the labour department.

The number of Americans without johs has climbed by 1.5 million since July, providing solid evidence that the current reces-

sion has not levelled off. Merchants have reported pre-

Libya plans

to take over

Italian firm

ROME, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - A

Libyan state-controlled invest-

ment company plans to acquire a

financially-troubled Italian sugar

and steel company, according to a top-level source at Italy's industry

The Libyan Arah Investment

Company would take over the

Maraldi Company in exchange for

repaying about 200 billion lire

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Christmas sales down from last year and administration officials have predicted that an economic upturn is unlikely before next

Almost half a million workers have heen dropped from manufacturing payrolls in the last two mooths alooe and construction workers are also experiencing high unemployment, the depart-

The commerce department reported yesterday that orders for manufactured goods fell by 5.2 per cent in October, raising the prospect of further layoffs. Most economists believe the unemployment rate will climb to nine per cent before the slide ends.

Dave Cross, a senior economist with the Chase Ecocometrics private forecasting firm, told Reuters he expects extensive plant closings later this month because of the decline in orders.

The weakness in the economy has been cooceotrated in the industrial sector, but it appears to be spreading with the newlyunemployed cutting hack spending because of their loss of income.

Retailers are reporting luggish sales despite the approach of the Christmas holidays, traditionally a peak sales period.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4 (R) - China

has offered to sell uranium to the

European Economic Community

(EEC), as long as it is used for

peaceful purposes, senior EEC

The offer, a reflection of the

community's growing links with

China, was made during a visit of

European geologists to Peking

It was repeated at the meeting last month of the EEC-China joint

trade commission in Peking and is

being studied by EEC gov-

emments. If they agree, more

talks on the proposal and other

aspects of cooperatioo in atomic

energy are likely when Chinese

experts visit the EEC commission

officials said today.

earlier this year.

The recession has brought some relief from high inflation and the near record interest rates that pre-"We don't want our workers to vailed during the summer.

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — Taking Japan's lifetime employment system one step further, a large ceramic company in the city of Kvoto is offering its workers a chance to stay on the job through

The Kyoto Ceramic Co. will commemorate its 23rd anniversary next spring by opening a company cemetery. Company spokes-man Takayuki Maeda said the firm has obtained a tomb at the Empuku-Ji Zen temple under which the bones of 2,000 workers and their families can be

"Many people worked very hard for the growth of the company and we want to reward their loyalty by comforting the spirits of those who die," Mr. Maeda said.

next spring, the officials said.

tacts are at a tentative stage.

But they emphasised that con-

China has not indicated how

much uranium it might be willing

to supply, nor at what price. Euro-

pean governments have yet to

examine the political and safety

aspects of such a deal, the officials

"There is no precipitate haste

The initiative to open talks on

on this on either side," an EEC commission official said.

cooperation covering the explo-

of nuclear fuel came from Peking.

one of the major uranium pro-

China, regarded as potentially

ration, mining, processing and sale

feel lonely, so we have provided a place where we can meet our friends in beaven and enjoy and talk to each other.

"We are all members of one family, so it is natural to stay together after we die."

Under Japan's lifetime employment system, most workers stay with the same company throughout their working life. In exchange, the company provides training, job security, housing and other benefits and increased salaries for every year of service.

To make sure that company camaraderic does not perish, Kyoto Ceramic Co. plans to hold occasional drinking parties at the tomb, where a cup or two can be raised to those who gave their lives to the business, Mr. Maeda said.

China offers to sell uranium to EEC ducers, wants help to find and extract reserves for its nuclear

> The geologists who visited China last April believe that the geological structures favoured significant new discoveries, the

power station programme.

Europe, which huys most of its uranium from Caoada, South Africa, Niger and Australia, is interested in securing new sources of supply.

However, the recent slow-down

in nuclear energy programmes has created a large surplus of uranium and any deal with China would be regarded as a possibility for the longer term, the officials said.

Till death do us part Japan's economic growth slackens

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (R) — Japanese economic ministers meet here next week to find ways to head off international trade friction and boost the sagging domestic economy after official figures released today showed alarmingly slow growth.

The report was made public as officials expressed fears that Japan is less able to rely on exports, the driving force behind its strong economic performance for years, to keep its economy bouyant.

According to the Economic Planning Agency, Japan's gross national product (GNP), the major indicator of a nation's overall economic performance, rose only 0.6 per cent in the July to September period over the previous quarter.

Government officials said that as a result, GNP for this financial year ending next March, forecast in October to reach 4.7 per cent, would now prohably be only four per cent after adjustment for infla-

The Japanese economy has been plagued by declining personal spending and other factors such as a sharp fall in house huilding that have affected a wide range of industries.

The most likely short-term step the government can take is a cut in the official discount rate hy around one per ceot from the present 6.25 per cent.

This is expected to stimulate the economy by eocouraging capital investment hy Japanese companies, a major factor in determining how well Japan's economy performs in coming mooths.

The Tokyo stock market got a lift today on prospects that this key interest rate would be lowered, with the market average rising 91.15 points to 7.716.t3. The GNP statistics today

showed that nearly all the growth recorded came from exports. Officials noted that this boom was unlikely to continue forever as the Japanese yen gains in value making exports less competitive.

Stagnant Western economies and the overhanging threat of trade protectionism should hegin to diminish the effect of overseas markets on Japan's overall economic growth. This year Japan is expected to

record its highest-ever trade sur-plus of about \$23 hillion, with much of it coming from trade with the United States and the European Economic Community.

Those countries in particular,

with their current economic difficulties and high unemployment. have demanded that Japan puts the hrake on exports and imports more from them.

Any measures to boost the domestic economy could help the trade problem by increasing Japanese purchases overseas. Western countries are looking for wide-ranging and concrete measures by the Japanese government to make Japan a far more accessible market.

This means cutting tarrifs, reducing other trade harriers and simplifying import procedures which are among major points to be discussed at next week's trade talks between U.S. and Japanese

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has already said he will try soon to advance by two years import tarrif reductions that had been originally agreed for 1983/ 84. a proposal welcomed in Western Europe and the United States.

Mr. Suzuki also made sweeping changes to his cahinet this week in what he said was a drive towards easing trade friction and boosting the domestic economy, which have become the main political considerations in Japan.



LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 4 (R) — Share prices closed firmer in quiet trading, and at 1500 hours the Financial Times 30-share index was up 5.8 at 525.7 points, dealers said.

Government bonds closed with gains of up to 3/4 point in longer maturities following yesterday's cut to 12 from 13 per cent in the U.S. discount rate, dealers said. Hopes of lower international interest rates also huoyed equities, where industrial leaders posted gains of up to eight pence. The firmer tone also represented a reaction to sharp falls yesterday, dealers said. Gold shares gained up to 350 cents with the sustained firmness

of the bullion price. Leading industrials which gained between four pence and six pence included ICL Distillers, Glaxo and Courtaulds. Most gains were made in early trading, but the firm tone was resumed around the close, dealers said.

Berec group jumped 21 pence to 151 pence on an improved source, who requested anonymity, offer from Hanson Trusat. Hanson fell four peoce to 284 pence, while rival Biddoy Tilling added seven pence to 143 pence. House The debts are owed to a pool of of Fraser, down 14 pence to 160 pence, was a weak feature on 42 Italian banks. Italian press reports said the Libyan company rumours the U.K. Monopolies Commission would recommend rejection of Lonbro's hid. Oils were dull, while banks added four would pay a symbolic price of one lira (less than a tenth of a cent) to

LONDON EXCHANGE

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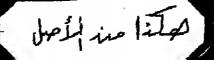
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Pakistan determined to balance the books against Australia

ADELAIDE, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — A determined Pakistan side face Australia at Adelaide Oval for the fifth one-day World Series Cup cricket match on Sunday.

Stung by defeats in the first and second tests against Australia, a loss to the West Indies in the opening match of this series and a string of headline-making incidents on tour so far, the Pakistanis mean to balance the books.

Shrugging off reports of a toe injury to all-important paceman Imran Khan, assistant team manager Shafqat Rana said: "The key is in fielding. We fielded poorly against the West Indies and lost, the West Indies fielded poorly against Australia and lost--we won't make the same mistake

With a fully fit squad to pick from the Pakistanis won't be naming their team for Sunday until the morning of the game, adding an element of surprise to the

Despite their manager's confidence, the Pakistan team looked brittle in the nets today as they. practised alongside a powerhouse West Indian workout session.

But true to his word, Mr. Rana overseered a torrid exercise session on the field which indicated their overall fitness and augered well for their fielding.

Nevertheless, Pakistan meets an Australian side growing daily in confidence and boosted by a timely return to form by captain Greg Chappell.

Chappell's double century at the Gabba during the second test against Pakistan could spell trouble for the visitors on what is being described as a batsman's wicket.

Dennis Lillee too is likely to be full of enthusiasm for his first one-day international this summer after being suspended for two matches.



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Germany's Irene Epple wins giant slalom at World Cup ski meet

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - Germany's 24-year-old veteran Irene Epple decisively won the giant slalom race of the World Cup ski meet, beating all her rivals in each of the two heats. Switzerland's Erika Hess came from behind to take second place in the overall standings as 0.33 seconds behind Epple.

Tamara McKinney, 19, of Olympic Valley, Calif., who placed second behind Epple in the first heat, stumbled in the lower part of her second run and finished in third place, more than a full second behind the winner. Times are unofficial.

Both heats were run on very hard, crusted snow and McKinney was thrown off balance at a turn on the lower half of the 48-gate second

run when she seemed well placed to win the race. The American girl, winner of the slalom section of the World Cup last season, held second place behind Epple in the first heat, trailling by 0.34 seconds and with a good chance of overtaking her rival in the

second heat. She seemed well on her way to achieving this when her half way time gave her 47.40 seconds or 0.26 seconds ahead of Epple. Her

fault probably cost her the race. Perrine Pelen of France, who was sixth in the first heat, moved up into fourth place, with an aggregate of 2:31.56, followed by Epple's sister Maria, fifth with 2:31.72, Italy's Marirosa Quario, sixth with 2:32.39 and Fabian Serrat of France seventh with 2:33.10.

France's last bid for World Cup

PARIS, Dec. 4 (R) - Barring an astonishing upset, France will claim the one remaining European World Soccer Cup place when they meet Cyprus here tomorrow night.

The highly-talented but erratic French must bear Cyprus to edge out Ireland on goal difference and become the 14th European nation to qualify for the final stages in Spain next summer.

Cyprus's past form in group two, seven defeats and 25 goals conceded, suggests France should triumph with ease. But manager

Michel Hidalgo is taking nothing for granted. During their final preparations, Hidalgo has screened Cyprus's match against Belgium in February when the group winners scrambled home 3-2 in Brussels.

The French have left nothing to chance and in a secret training session at the Parc des Princes this morning they even spent some time practising penalty kicks.

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Top international drivers participated, including Britain's John Watson, a Maribone world championship team driver, along with eight other world champions and 13 others who figured in previous Formula One circuits of the world.

The spectators and drivers were marking the 10th anniversary of the United Arah Emirates, of which Dubai is the second biggest

Many of the former champions participated in saloon cars celerity race 4-:3, covering a 2.6kilometre track encircling the Hyatt Regency hotel on the edge of the Gulf.

The first race, covering 10 laps of the track, was won by Italy's Bruno Giacomelli in 16 minutes and 38 seconds.

He and other drivers were using Citroen CX-type cars. Giacomelli won the Metropolitan Dubai

Hotel Trophy The second race, Pace Petroleum Aston Martin championship, was won by Mike Salmon. of Jersey, who covered the 10 laps in 15 minutes 00.78 seconds, using historic cars'. He was awarded the Dubai International Hotel Trophy. Britain's Roy Salvadore came second.

The third race, called the British Saloon Car Championship, was won by Tom Walkinshaw of Britain, who went the 10 laps in 13 minutes and 4.07 seconds, winning the Hilton International Hotel Trophy. He was using a Mazda car.

The fourth race, the Marlboro Cup Super Sports Cars, was won by Jerry Marshall of Britain after 2 minutes 42.05 seconds.

The fifth and last race, Galadari Trophy race, was organised for Mideasterners and expatriates living in the U.A.E. using Citroen CX cars, similar to those of the first race, the drivers went around the track in 10 laps, with Capt. Alan Skennerton of Britain winning after 17 minutes and 03.72

32 athletes to run in Japanese marathon

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - Two-time Olympic gold medallist Waldemar Cierpinski of East Germany, will lead a record field of 177 Japanese and Foreign runners in the 16th Fukuoka international marathon Sunday. Cierpinski, 31, winner of the 1976 and 1980 Olympic marathons in

Montreal and Moscow, will be running in the event for the fifth time. Last year he finished sixth, but his best placing is third in the 1976 competition. Among other top contenders entered in the annual event are Garry Bjorkulund of the United States. Vladimir Kotov of the Soviet

Union, Robert De Castella of Australia, and the Japanese twin brothers, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, and Kumimitsu Ito and Hideaki Kita, both of Japan. The Japanese runners are tipped to win the 42.199-kilometre race

along Hakata Bay in Fukuoka city. Southern Japan. In the last three years, Japanese have swept the top three places.

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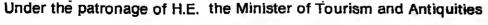
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q:-I was always taught to lead fourth-best from my longest and strongest suit when defending against an opposing no trump contract. Now someone in our game tells me that I am dreadfully old-fashioned and that a singleton is often a good lead aince it might hit my partner's long suit. Can this be so? What advice do you give?-G. Drew, Portland,

(Thia question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A:-Bridge has developed tremendously over the past decade or two, but most of the changes have occurred in the hidding, not in the play. There has been little if any in basic card-play technique in that time. For example, Watson's "Play of the Hand," written in the '30s, is still a classic textbook on card play.

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Leading fourth best from a long suit against a no trump contract is a maxim as old as the game itself, even dating back to the days of whist, and this sound principle is still generally followed. Alternatively, if you have a strong sequence, you might prefer

A singleton, however, is usually about the worst lead you can make against a no trump contract - unless partner has bid the suit. It is far more likely to help declarer pick up the suit than to

develop tricks for your side In addition, it may give declarer time to gain control

of the hand. -Consider how much park ner must have in a suit if your lead of a singleton is to be helpful. And if he does have all that much, how come he didn't enter the auction with a lead-directing bid?

There are times when it is correct to lead a short-suit For instance, take the case where you have an entryless hand and your long suit consists of five low cards. There is little chanca that you can establish and cash long cards in the suit, so you might try to hit partner's suit. But in those cases it is preferable to lead from a three-card suit rather than from a double. ton. Rarely, if ever, do you lead a singleton against no trump in a suit that pariner hasn't bid.

Q:-In a recent column yes mentioned that, in October, the world team champion ship will be held in the U.S. Can you tell me where and whether spectators are permitted? - A. McCarthy, Philadelphia, Pa.

A:- In the last two weeks of October, the Bermuda Bowl for Open Teams and the Venice Cup for Women's Teams will be played off in the Rye Town Hilton, Port Chester, N.Y. The matches will be shown to the audience on the Yu Graph screen with a panel of commentators on hand to analyze the hidding and play. Spectators are most welcome and the fee for watching is nominal.

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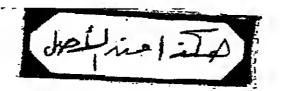
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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arrold and Bob Lee

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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million hl.

By Edmund Penning Rowseil

The perils of forecasting the quality of the Bordeaux vintage were never clearer than for the 1981 стор.

In July last year, in the middle of that miserable summer, an American journalist forecast that the 1980 vintage would be catastrophic. It certainly did not turn out very well three months later, but very recently I tasted some obviously palatable wines.

Yet, according to more than one Bordeaux merchant, this premature prediction has severely influenced the American market. Fortunately, perhaps, British writers on wine carry less author-

This year the soothsayers on this side of the Atlantic went the other way, and voices were heard in August to predict that 1981 would be "another 1961," while a distinguished cellarmaster not a thousand kilometres from the Medoc was seen on television to predict a very great vintage. Alas, it seems unlikely.

The cause of this optimism was the remarkable change in the weather from the end of July onwards. After a pretty dismal start, but with the significant flowering of the vine developing appropriately in mid-June, the later summer arrived in time to alter the poor perspective. If was so hot in August and the first half of September, and there was so little rain, that the grapes were lacking in juice and the skins were thick and tough.

This meant a small, but possibly very good vintage, officially predicted by the French Ministry of Agriculture on Sept. 1 as 3.9 milhon hectolitres (hl), compared with 3.65 million hl in 1980 and 6.2 million hl in the record year of 1979; but, owing to the very small white Bordeaux crop, gathered earlier than the red, the Bordeaux trade organisation has brought down the total crop forecast to 3.7

Indeed, there are fears of a shortage of dry white bordeaux at a time when world demand for white wines is booming. The quality is reported good, especially for

The red wine vintage began generally in good, sunny, weather

conditions, on Sept. 28, but on Oct. 1, wet weather set in and heavy rain set in until mid-day on Oct. 3. Those who had engaged their pickers to work over the ensuing fine weekend benefited, but others had to wait until the following Monday. The weather improved thereafter, but the rain had in some cases reduced the alcoholic strength, already not high, particularly in the Medoc where the Cabernet-Sauvignon is paramount.

The deficiency can be made up by the permitted addition of sugar to the fermenting vats, but the end-result is not quite the same, and although it rained again at the cud of the weck, those delaying picking in the hope of more maturity, and higher strength took an extra risk -- including Lafite who only started gathering their grapes on Oct. 5 and expected to finish on

However, the anti-rot spraying that has been done in the past few years by most of the larger estates has been most successful, and the grape loads that were coming in from many estates were healthy-

looking and sweet-tasting.
The prospects for the 1981 claret vintage are, therefore, good but not great and the gap between the big estates and the less prosperous petits chateaux may be greater than in a year without weather difficulties at the harvest

It is to be hoped that there will be careful selection of the vats, and that not too much 1980 is poured into the 1981, which will certainly turn out the better year. Bordeaux did not want a big vintage, but rather, a moderate-sized one of such quality that it sold itself and revived the morale of a somewhat depressed trade.

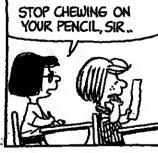
What is as certain as can be forecast now, is that the prices of the 1981 vintage will be higher than for the 1980s. This is reasonable enough, as they have stayed the same for three years, with at least 30 per cent inflation in this period. Current talk is of a rise of 25 per cent.

Claret drinkers here who have not bought their 1978s would be well advised to do so now, for on the Bordeaux market the popular growths are double their opening prices; and the 1979s are a good 20 per cent higher.

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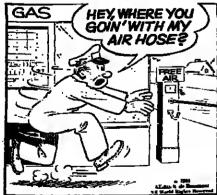
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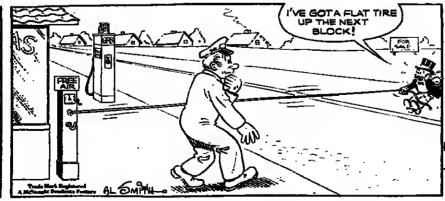
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Bordeaux has not been alone in having a disappointing vintage, needed. and Champagne has suffered

worst of all. Early frosts had ruled out a big crop, but until the eve of the picking there had been hopes of 140 million bottles (compared with 110 million last year and 220 million in 1979, and a predicted sales total this year of 150-160 million bottles). In fact the total looks like 90

million to 100 million bottles, and with none of the surplus still Coteaux Champenois that eventually added about 50 million bottles to 1978's miserable 78 milhon. The reduction in the fixed price of top quality grapes from F.F 23.50 a kilo to F.F 20 (\$3.57) is not much help, as last year's figure included a F.F. 10 bonus on account of the small crop; and this year n is only F.F. 3 on a smaller one still. So champagne prices must rise again, and the smaller firms will be particularly hit.

There is not much better news from Burgundy, where the crop is small, particularly for the mucbneeded red wines and the quality is distinctly variable. The white wines are said to be better.

Beaujolais, after several large. even excessive, vintages, has had a smaller one this year: a good average quality, but certainly markedly dearer, not least for the Beaujolais Nouveau.

The Rhone, too, has suffered a reduction in output after at least two prolific years and the Loire crop, picked later than further sonth, is small and probably variable in quality, though that is less of a problem in a region where the wines are mostly for early drinking. It is in the districts whose produce calls for time to develop and mature that wines of good strength, body, fruitiness and

some preserving tannin are

To end on a more cheerful note, Alsace alone appears to have had a good average crop of generally sound quality. Sheltered by the Vosges, they evidently missed the bad weather that has afflicted the rest of wine-growing France. Alsace, too, has a reputation for moderating its price increases, so in the coming year its wines generally under-rated bere, may prove increasingly attractive pur-

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worthless fun spree, concentrate on your personal aims. Strive for greater rapport with friends. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Allow time for analyzing

your position and what should be done to improve it. Taking riaka now could be dangerous. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A day to study the dats

that can help you get ahead in career activities. Steer clear of one who wants to waste your time. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you understand new husiness methods introduced in your line

of endeavor. Improve your environment. LEO |July 22 to Aug. 21| Ideal day to meet with congenials and exchange ideas. Study a new outlet that could

be profitable in the future. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22] Look over your surroundings and make plana for improvements. Take a new treatment to improve your health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle chores early in the day and then join friends at the amusements that are mutually enjoyable. Think logically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 211 You are in a mood to argue and could easily annoy others, so do something constructive instead. Sidestep a troublemaker. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Much care in mo-

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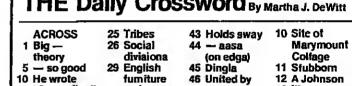
atudy new ways and means of increasing your income. A husiness expert can be helpful with suggestions. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try not to be too forceful with others in order to gain your aims. Use your

charm in entertaining others for best results. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It is wise to handle your ohligations efficiently now instead of trying to get out of

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THE Daily Crossword By Martha J. DeWitt



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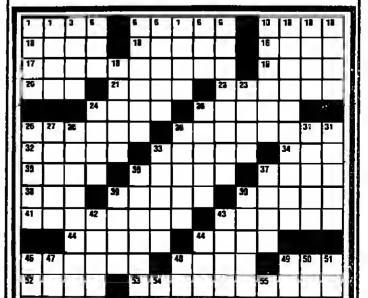
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WORLD

Pretoria rapped on mercenary issue

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec. 4 (R) — Prime Minister P.W. Botha said last night that South Africa was considering legislation to ban members of its armed services from serving as mer-

Mr. Botha, speaking at a banquet in Port Elizabeth, said he wanted the world to take note that the South African government had not known beforehand of last week's attempted coup in the Seychelles. "We neither initiated it nor approved of it," he said.

Some of the mercenaries, who flew to the Seychelles from neighbouring Swaziland and fled to Durban in a hijacked airliner after a gunfight at Mahe Airport, have been identified as former members of elite South African military units and reservists liable to he called up for as much as three months' active service a year.

Mr. Botha said there was at present no legislation to ban exsoldiers or reservists from serving as mercenaries," but on more than one occasion as minister of defence I warned all South Africans against such activities, and I repeat that warning tonight."

He said that South Africa was fully aware of its responsibilities under international anti-hijacking agreements.

A storm of protest at home and abroad was aroused after the release of 39 mercenaries who fled to South Africa on the hijacked airliner. Five others, described as the ringleaders by Police Minister Louis le Grange, were only charged with kidnapping.

The United States said it would investigate whether South Africa was in breach of stringent international anti-hijacking agreements which it had signed.

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said South Africa's action "cannot but encourage those who contemplate such

grossly illegal actions as hijacking and the reprehensible use of mercenaries.

Mr. Botha said the South African government was fully aware of its responsibilities towards the international community and the international agreements which it

"The matter has been placed in the hands of the police and the courts and I find it rather ridiculous for people now to try and force us to interfere with the work of the police and the courts," he said. The law must take its course."

Mr. le Grange said earlier this week that the 39 freed mercenaries had not broken any law in South Africa, a statement strongly disputed by opposition leaders

Weinberger discusses U.S. military aid in Ankara

ANKARA, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - Top Turkish military officers today briefed U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger on this nation's needs for modernisation of its armed forces, Turkish gov-

ernment sources reported. Mr. Weinberger arrived in the Turkish capital late last night and began his official contacts today. The secretary first attended a

briefing held in the Turkish Defence Ministry on Turkey's military modernisation programme, the sources said. Later, he met with Premier

Bulend Ulusu. The sources said Turkey is about to complete plans designed to produce U.S. jet fighters under

Turkey hopes to get \$703 mil-lion in aid from the United States in 1982. Of the total \$300 million is slated for economic projects and the rest will be extended in militv assistance.

Mr. Weinberger is scheduled to meet with Turkish head of state Gen. Kenan Evren tomorrow before leaving for Naples, Italy.

and several newspapers.

In Victoria, Seychelles, meanwhile, some 500 tourists stranded for over a week following the abortive coup left for home today with the reopening of hadly damaged Pointe Larue Airport.

Officials said another 500 tourists are scheduled to leave over the weekend on regular or special

This Indian Ocean archipelago. which counts tourism as its main source of foreign exchange, also received its first group of 30 tourists since the attempted coup. They arrived on an Air France flight from Paris today.

The stranded tourists were confined to their hotels for much of the week since the Nov. 25 coup attempt. But tourism officials said the visitors understood the situation, were relaxed and cooperating with hotel personnel.

British, French and West German planes landed to take out the stranded tnurists tnday, bringing in a group of 30 foreigners booked for holidays on the tropical archipelago. Another 500 tourists are due in leave nver the weekend.

Vatican fires woman who married cleric

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - The Vatican has dismissed a 38-year-old Italian woman employee for marrying a Yugoslav cleric before he obtained permission to leave the priesthood, Vatican sources reported today.

"I am not in agreement with the Vatican," the woman. Annamaria Ahenante, told the Associated Press. She said she has done 'nothing wrong."

She said in a telephone interview that she and the priest, whom she refused to identify, were married in a civil ceremony in Rome "long time ago" and have an 8-month-old daughter.

She joined the Vatican secretariat seven years ago and worked as a staff member in the archives of the congregation for Catholic education and an adviser for the Vatican committee on family, the sources said.

A Vatican source, who asked not to be identified, said the Holy See decided to move against Miss Ahenante hecause she was openly talking about her marriage, making mockery of her position as an adviser on family mat-

25 Roman Catholic priests allegedly arrested in China

HONG KONG, Dec. 4 (A.P.) -Twenty Chinese Roman Catholic priests and lay workers have been arrested by Communist authorities in Shanghji on charges of "supplying information to foreigners and receiving orders from the Vatican," Catholic sources here said today.

The sources, who claimed to have contacts with frequent travellers to China, said the arrests tnok place Nov. 19-21. The report could not be verified from Hong Kong, a British coluny that borders mainland China.

The Chinese Catholic Church broke with the Vatican after the 1949 Communist Revolution. It has refused recent overtures by Pope John Paul II for a reconciliation because the Vatican recognises the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan.

Afghan exile says Kabul regime posts

anonymity, said those arrested included 11 Jesuits who had been in labour camps for more than 20 years for refusing to break ties with the Vatican. The priests were released in 1979 as part of the national liberalisation that followed the Cultural Revolution. They had resumed saying mass and giving sacraments in private upoo gaining freedom, he said.

One source, who requested

The Jesuits were singled out because they had been known to be in contact with foreigners including journalists and diplomars based in China and visitors from abroad, he added.

Most prominent among them was the Rev. Zhu Hongshen, 65, a Jesuit priest considered by the Communist government as the unofficial leader of the Catholic community in Shanghai, the

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Argentina to win N-bomb race -

LONDON, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — By the end of next year Argenting will win its race with Brazil to produce the first atomic bomb in Latin America, a British science weekly says. Quoting uniden-tified intelligence experts in the United States New Scientist magazine said in its Thursday-dated issue that Argentina is believed to be already testing a rocket that could deliver nucleaweapons. It said Argentina's foreign ministry had admitted the country has the capacity to build a nuclear device but denies that is doing so.

Indian magazine says Soviets smuggle

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 - A major Indian news magazine says in its latest edition that Soviet diplomats, apparently with the knowledge and assistance of their embassy here, have been smuggling large amounts of contraband goods into India in recent month.

India Today magazine said that through October of this year,

Indian customs officials had seized goods worth nearly 2.5 mil. lion rupees (about \$278,000) from diplomatic luggage, and that 'a fair share of the haul was from baggage addressed to the Soviet Embassy." Asked about the article, Nikolai Fedin, head of the Soviet Emhassy's information department, would say only that "We don't take notice of rubbish."

Natalie Wood buried in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - A Russian orthodox priest offered a hiessing and a balalaika sounded a melancholy refram as Natalic Wood's flower-covered coffin was buried at a Hollywood cemetery. The drowned actress' husband, actor Robert Wagner. bent to kiss the coffin and then left the cemetery in a limousing before the burial. "She found not only a way to put life into her art, but art into her life," actor Roddy McDowall told about 100 mourners -- including honorary palibearers Sir Laurence Olivies, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Gregory Peck and Frank Smatra.

Fireworks explosion kills 20 in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — The death toll rose to 20 today from the explosion at a fireworks plant in central India with nine more persons succumbing to burn injuries, the United News of India said. Thirteen persons remained hospitalised with injuries from the explosion at the one-story plant yesterday in Gwaliot. 275 kilometres south of New Delhi.

Architect of U.N. headquarters dies

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - Architect Wallace Harrison, who helped design Rockefeller Centre, the United Nations, Lincoln Centre and the Empire State Plaza in Albany, died here Wednesday at the age of 86. Harrison's career ranged from the design of churches to housing projects, but he was best known for his design of civic complexes. With his partner Max Abramovitz. Harrison also designed several well-known Manhattan buildings, including the Mobil building on East 42nd Street, the Coming glass building on Fifth Avenue and the Time-Life, McGraw-hill; Exxon and Celanese buildings on the Avenue of the Americas.

£300,000 stolen in London hold-up

LONDON, Dec. 4 (A.P.) — Three robbers in a car and a truck ambushed a security van yesterday fired one shot and made off with an estimated £300,000, Scotland Yard said. No one was injured. A Scotland Yard spokesman said a van operated by the Group 4 security company was stopped by a truck that pulled in front of it and a car that came from behind a residential area in the southern London suburb of Mitcham. He said a shot was fired, possibly as a warning, and the security guards handed over cash from the van. Two of the robbers escaped in a car and a third fled on a motorcycle. It was not known how the motorcycle came to be. at the robbery scene.

Ecevit case may stop aid to Turkey

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4 (R) — The jailing of former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit could force Denmark and other West European countries to withdraw aid to Turkey, Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen said in a statement last night. Mr. Ecevit began a four-month prison sentence yesterday for violating a decree by the military government of Gen. Kenan Evren.

The Sakharovs taken to hospital

MOSCOW, Dec. 4 (R) — Soviet human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov and his wife, who have been on hunger strike for the past 13 days, have been taken to hospital, the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia reported today. Izvestia, quoting report by doctors, said the couple had been given" prophylactic medical help" suggesting complication in their state of health. The report appeared to suggest that Prof. Shakarov, 60, and his wife,

45 die in New Delhi tower stampede

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 (A.P.) -Forty-five people were killed and 24 others injured -- many of them children - when a power failure panicked at the Qutab Minar tower here today, the United News of India said.

The tower, an architectural wonder, is 72 metres tall, with 378 steps to the inside spiral stair case that climbs to the top. The nearly 800-year old tower, located on the southern fringe of the Indian capital, is a popular tourist attraction. UNI said that the crowd inside the tower panicked when the elec-

tricity went off, plunging it into Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited the injured, including nine children at a local hospital. Both houses of parliament adjourned.

The tragedy occurred just before noon (0630 GMT) when an estimated 300 to 400 people were negotiating their way up the 90-odd steps to the first story of the monument, UNI said. It was not immediately known if there were any foreigners involved.

Fridays, and a larger than usual crowd was present. Tour operator R.P. Jain told UNI he counted at least 2,000 people lining up to enter the monument.

No entrance fee is charged nn

The victims initially were laid on the lawn around the monument until ambulances and huses arrived. Some people compalined that police and fire units had taken more than an hour to reach the scene, but UNI noted that the nearest fire station was 10 kilometres away in New Delhi.

Reporters at the scene said there was broken jewelry, blood, vomit, a shoe heel, handkerchiefs, combs, broken eyeglass lenses and school books scattered between the 35th and 40th steps from the bottom of the staircase, indicating this was where the main crush had occurred. The stone steps were 90 cm wide and 20 cm deep at the their broadest at this point, and many appeared badly worn.

Home Minister Zail Singh announced in parliament that the

Amnesty suggested in Britain to relieve crowding in prisons

LONDON, Dec. 4 (A.P.) - Britain's prison governors, com-plaining that the country's antiquated jails are becoming "festering slums," have appealed to the government to combat overcrowding by granting an amnesty to selected prisoners.

Almost simultaneously in the House of Commons, Home Secretary William Whitelaw announced a series of prison improvements.

He said new jails will be constructed at Bovingdon, in Hertfordshire, and Lockwood, Oxfordshire. 150 more probation officers will be hired in 1982-83, more money will he allocated for prison renovations, and judges will be empowered to partly suspend legally prescribed sentences

to alleviate overcrowding. Earlier in the day, guards at

Manchester's Strangeways prison refused to accept most new inmates until their own demands for improvements were met.

The guards said inmates bound over for trial or convicted by local

Last week, Strangeways Governor Norman Browo in a letter to the London Daily Telegraph condemned conditions at his jail as "an affront to a civilised society."

He said 555 inmates were livingthree to a cell, and 530 two to a

No weapons for Taiwan, **Peking tells Washington**

By Victoria Graham

PEKING, Dec. 4 - After three years of rapid progress, Sino-U.S. relations have reached a delicate some say a crucial -- moment and their ultimate success appears to depend whether and what kind of advanced fighters the United States sells to Taiwan.

China last week called arms sales "a key issue now endangering" development of Sino-U.S. relations it frequently calls the issue the "major stumbling block.

It has become more intransigent, virtually painting itself into a corner that will require a powerful response. An official commentary declared Nov. 24 that China opposes arms sales of any kind to Taiwan and said sales" can only gravely endanger" Sino-U.S. relations " and lead to their stand-

still and retrogression". Political observers say China's position has become more rigid since Sep. 30 when it announced a comprehensive peace plan, calling for reunification talks and offering Taiwanese leaders unspecified posts in the central government while the island remained virtually autonomous.

China has gone about as far as it can go with magnanimous gestures, political observers say, and officials hope the United States will be persuaded that Taiwan. does not need weapons.

U.S. secretary of state Alexander M. Haig Jr. said last month the issue of arms sales to Taiwan was a "worrisome spectre" hovering over Sino-U.S. relations.

Resolution of the problem is

regarded as a major test of

magistrates courts will have to remain in police station cells, although convicts sent from major crown courts will be admitted. The government's target figure

for Strangeways is 1,021 inmates, but it currently holds more than I,600. Natiouwide there are I15 prisons, built for 37,000 immates, now bousing nearly 44,000 men

and women.

strength and prestige for China's foremost politician, Deng Xiaoping. Despite suspicion and some opposition at home, Deng opened the door for diplomatic relations with the United States in Jan.

> Despite progress in strategic cooperation, economic and cultural fields, the carefully crafted relationship appears to be mark-ing time until the United States announces its decision on arms to

Taiwan. Deputy Chief of Staff Liu Huaging recently told visitors that his arms shopping trip to the United States, scheduled next August, has been put off indefinitely. He said the reason was Taiwan.

Chinese officials recently have been telling visitors that China will never "swallow the bitter pill" of arms sales.

China repeatedly has said that Sino-U.S. strategic cooperation must have a solid foundation. A major rift over Taiwan probably would damage Sino-U.S. strategic cooperation in South East Asia and on issues of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Some Western diplomats argue the Sino-U.S. strategic relationship in opposing the Soviet Union is far more important to China than arms fales to Taiwan, and that Chica would hardly dare

turn its back on the United States. The Reagan administration has said it will fulfill its commitment to sell arms to Taiwan, but will weigh Taiwan's needs as well as the U.S. relationship with China.

In May, China downgraded relations with the Netherlands because the government approved sale of two submarines to Taiwan. China warned the United States at that time to take heed.

would receive 10,000 rupees (about \$1,110) and the families of those in jured would receive 4,000 rupees (about \$444), half from the Prime Minister Relief Fund and half from the New Delhi city gov-

families of each of those killed

Reagan orders top security for 3 aides

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (R) — The New York Times said today the U.S. government had received reports that five Libyan-trained terrorists had entered the United States with plans to kill President Reagan or other senior administ-

The plans include a plot to shoot down the presidential jet with a missile or to blow up Mr. Reagan's limousine with a rocket, the Times

The Times quoted top law

enforcement officials as saying the reports had prompted a big nationwide search not only for the potential killers but also for Americans to whom they might turn for assistance. Officials had no immediate official comment on the newspaper's report, but President Reagan said

on Wednesday be was not shrug-

ging off press reports that he could

be the target of a Libyan assassination squad. The president, who survived an on attempt on March 30, refused to say for security reasons if the government had any evidence to substantiate the

Administration officials said yesterday the president had authorised secret service protection for his three chief aides -Presidential Counsellor Edwin Meese, White House chief of staff James Baker and his deputy. Michael Deaver - following reports that top U.S. officials could be the targets of Libyan death squads.

Today's New York Times report said federal agents had been deployed around the country to question Americans who had past links with Libya.

It said concern about a Libyan threat had increased in recent weeks as initially unconfirmed reports were home out by details supplied by an informant whose account stood up to intense questioning and whose credibility was considered good by intelligence

intelligence men disguised as diplomats including the new first and second ISLAMABAD, Dec. 4 (A.P.) -A senior Afghan foreign ministry

official who recently defected has disclosed that 10 of 15 diplomats appointed to Iran, Pakistan and India in the past four months are agents of the Soviet-backed regime's Khad intelligence ser-

Aside from espionage, their ignments apparently include keeping a watch on Afghan exile groups opposed to the regime of Afghan President Babrak Karmal, said Mohammad Daoud Mohabbat, director of the first political affairs section at the time of his October defection to Pakistan.

Although his section handled Kabul's Asian relations, it was not informed of the appointments, he went on. "They are took of Khad, not diplomats. I had never seen them before. Most cannot speak English or any other foreign lan-

guage." "We thought that these countries would not give them visas but unfortunately they did," Mr. Mohabbat said in an interview. Four came to Pakistan this fall,

secretaries at the embassy in Islamabad, he charged. Khad, an acronym for

Khedamat Amour Dawalat or State Affairs Services, was organised shortly after the Dec. 27. 1979 Soviet intervention installed Karmal as president. The agency, which is thought to have more than I0,000 operatives, is led by a physician named Najib Ullah under the close supervision of Soviet advisers. It is responsible for both foreign and domestic security matters.

Mr. Mohahbat, 35, said that the dispatch of Khad agents was one of a number of changes the Afghan foreign ministry has undergone since the start of the Soviet military presence 23 months ago.

A team of Soviet advisors headed by Vasily Sovrunchuk, technically the number two man at the Soviet Embassy although he has held the rank of ambassador, prepares all major Afghan policy statements including the Aug. 24 proposal for normalisation talks with Iran and Pakistan and a similar proposal in May 1980.

access to the Okhotsk Sea.

"My department should have written both of the statements." Mr. Mohabbat said. "But the first clipped them from the newspaper the next morning so I could read the full text.

"The foreign ministry of Afghanistan no longer exists," said the former diplomat, who said he was smuggled across to Pakistan with his wife and three children by resistance fighters. "Only a building remains and just for show."

Mr. Mohahhat said Soviet advisers systematically sift through Afghanistan's secret state papers. "This is very painful to us. All of our archives are open to them. I watched them take seven large cuprboards of documents."

The takeover of the ministry's affairs by the Soviets has the approval or acquiescence of Afghan party members who now compose 90 per cent of the staff, be said. Since 1979, about half the career diplomats have defected while others have been involuntarily retired or transferred to

Yelena Bonner, 58, would he force-fed.

By James Foley

SAPPORO, Japan — The Soviet Union is forming a strategic bastion in the Far East to rival its heavily militarised region of the White Sea and the Kola Peninsula in Europe, Japanese and other official sources say.

The planned eastern stronghold is based on the Sea of Okhotsk and the Kamchatka Peninsula region north of Japan.

The sources said the development was part of a significant change in the Soviet Union's strategic policy. They said that when it was completed, the Soviet Union would be as strong in the Pacific and Asia as it already is in the Atlantic and Europe. The main feature of the programme is to convert the Okhotsk Sea,

a heavily-defended "Soviet lake" for deployment of new submarines armed with long-range ballistic missiles, the sources said. "The Soviet Union is marching Eastward," says Prof. Makoto Momoi, Japan's leading strategist and director of international security studies at the defence ministry's national defence college.

whose waters react the northern Japanese shores near Sapporo, into

Sea-Kola Peninsula region, a bastion of military and primarily strategic strength," he said in an interview. He said the programme, which will result in strategic fortresses anchoring both ends of the Soviet landmass, would be completed in

The Sea of Okhotsk is four times as big and eight times as deep as

"The Kamchatka-Sea of Okhotsk area is becoming like the White

the Baltic, where a Soviet Whisky-Class submarine recently ran aground near the top-secret Swedish Navy base of Karlskrona.

Building a 'Soviet lake' by the Kamchatka Peninsula

The Sea of Okhotsk is almost surrounded by Soviet territory. It would be easy to defend if war broke out against enemy aircraft and ships trying to attack Soviet submarines before they fired their nuc-"The Soviet Union can use the Sea of Okhotsk to launch missiles

which can hit anywhere in the United States with relative invulnerability. That is, they would be relatively safe from attack," Prof. Momoi said. An authoritative Warsaw Pact military source confirmed the Sov-

iet Union was placing new importance on the Sea of Okhotsk. "The sea is a strategic sanctuary," the source said. "No aircraft could approach the Sea of Okhotsk without being detected," said the source, who asked not to be named.

posed of all available components - radars, guns, missiles and interceptor aircraft." The Soviet Kuril Island chain, stretching between southern Kamchatka and northern Japan, was a military barrier preventing free

"The area is covered with a very strong air defence system com-

He said surface ships and submarines entering the sea in war would be open to attack from dozens of Soviet submarines and surface ships, hundreds of planes and thousands of missiles. A major reason for turning the Okhotsk Sea into a strategic bastion was that the U.S. was unable to insert submarine-detecting

devices on the seabed because of the surrounding Soviet territory,

the source said. He said that because of the ice which covered major areas of the sea up to five months of the year, it would be "very difficult to conduct anti-submarine operations if the submarine is under several

Western military sources in Japan agreed that it would be extremely difficult to prevent submarines from firing their missle either after a first salvo from Russian ground-hased missiles, or after the ground-based missiles had been attacked by American strategic

reason for the Soviet Navy's decision to move the aircraft can't Minsk, which the Russians describe as an anti-submarine ship, to the The sources said that the Soviet Navy had some 40 ballistic missie

They said defence of the Soviet submarines appeared to be a print

submarines in the Far East. The submarines, known as Delta Three's, are each armed with 1 SS-N-18 missiles with a range of more than 8,000 kilometres i equipped with a special booster engine, they said.

Each missile was capable of carrying several nuclear warheads each warhead could be independently targeted so that hundreds of separate targets could be attacked from the Sea of Okhotsk. The sources said the Russians were now building Delta Three's #

their Far East shipyard at Komsomolsk on the Amur River, from

where they entered the Sea of Okhotsk at Nikolaevsk on the Straits of Tartary. "The Soviet Navy is adding one or two new SSBN's (bassists missile aubmarines) to the Pacific fleet every year," said one source: The sources said the Soviet Navy had developed a "swing" strategy under which submarines from its Murmanks-based northern fleet

Bering Straits at any time of the year. Prof. Momoi said that surface ships could also make the voyage for several months of the year because the Soviet Union maintained about 30 icebreakers, including three driven by nuclear power, 10. free the route from ice.

could move to the Far East fleet by way of the Arctic Ocean and

